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DEVELOPMENT OF EQUIPMENT FOR TESTING AMMUNITION
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any equipment has been manufactured by the Ordnance Factory, Jabalpur for testing ammunition of medium-range capacity;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its manufacturing cost as compared to the imported equipment for the purpose;

(c) whether the Government proposes to manufacture equipment for testing ammunition of high range capacity; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE PRODUCTION (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir.Ordnance Factory,Khamaria has manufactured an explosion testing machine for testing the strength of shell body blank of ammunition 84 mm high explosive. The equipment was manufactured for their own regular requirement of testing 84 mm high explosive ammunition. The manufacturing cost of the equipment is Rs.16 lakhs.A budgetary quotation was received for similar equipment for approx Rs.349 lakhs (ex-import).

(c)&(d): Ordnance Factory Khamaria has the capacity to make similar machines for further use.However, there is no immediate further requirement at present.